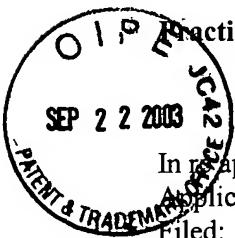


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Clinton J. McCutchen

Application No.: 10/016,353

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For: Back-Flow Valve and Trigger For Cleaning Machine

Group No.: 3857

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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))**

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of one month to Response to Office Action.
2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith. The Response is the filing of a Response to Office Action.
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4. Applicant is a small entity. A verified statement was already filed
5. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1)-(5)):

Extension:  
one month

Fee for small entity:  
\$55.00

**Fee \$55.00**

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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Extension fee due with this request \$55.00

5. Extended period for response

Based on the extension requested in this petition (and that for which a previous petition has been filed, if any), the extended period for response will expire on September 21, 2003.

6. Fee Payment

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